

der one management, as they are now practically under one ownership.

Now read this again from the Daily News: "Intelligent supervision by official representatives of the people must be relied upon to secure good service at fair rates."

Sounds good, but what chance will the people have to get official representatives who will protect their interests, when such a gigantic public utility combine, with all of the banks and newspapers under its thumb, will be THE REAL GOVERNMENT of Chicago?

I'm for unification; all right, Vic, but I'm not for any skin game like that. I wouldn't favor building up so vast a combination of dollars and jobs that it could easily control government and choose the "official representatives" whose job it would be to secure good service at fair rates.

For that would mean that the Hog Combine would decide what was good service and what would be fair rates.

By the way, have you noticed how regularly the public utility Hog Combine is advertising in the newspapers nowadays.

Watch your step!

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#### ALLIED AIR MEN DROP BOMBS ON KRUPP GUN PLANT

London, March 15.—Allied aviators have raided Essen, home of Krupp gun works.

Other air squadrons have attacked Munich, capital of Bavaria, and city of Gladbach.

Athens.—Large German detachments moving from Macedonia and Serbia to western front.

Amsterdam. — Official statement telegraphed here from Berlin today makes absolute denial of fresh rumors that Germany plans to abandon or postpone new submarine war on armed merchantmen.

London. — German troops have

driven wedge in French front between Bethincourt and Dead Man hill.

Bethincourt is nearly two-thirds surrounded and slight German advance will force its evacuation. French positions on Dead Man hill, according to German report, have again been put in peril in resumption of Verdun fighting.

German claims contradicted in latest official dispatches from Paris. French war office admits Germans are making heavy attacks in this sector, but claims repulse of all German attacks except at two points between Bethincourt and Dead Man hill.

Geneva. — Austria has recalled minister to Lisbon and has handed Portuguese minister passports. Not yet known whether breaking off of diplomatic relations will be followed by declaration of war.

Portuguese navy authorities confiscated several Austrian ships in Portuguese ports at same time they seized German merchantmen.

Rome.—Austria has declared war on Portugal.

Paris.—French troops have captured several enemy trenches on Hill 265, northeast of Verdun. Germans made no new infantry attacks against Bethincourt and west bank of Meuse during the night.

Berlin.—Silesian regiments have made further advances southeast of Bethincourt. 4 French counter attacks on west bank of Meuse repulsed.

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#### FUNSTON SAYS VILLA CHASE WILL BE DIFFICULT

San Antonio, Tex., March 15.—Gen. Frederick Funston, commander-in-chief of troops on border, predicted in interview with the United Press that the chase for Villa will be hard and difficult campaign. He said Gen. Pershing, commander in field, has his orders and will move when ready.